

# Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

## Jobless rates down in 97 counties from December 2011 to December 2012

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** November's preliminary and December's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Dec2012charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 24, 2012)** — Unemployment rates fell in 97 Kentucky counties between December 2011 and December 2012, while 21 county rates increased and two stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.4 percent. It was followed by Fayette and Union counties, 5.9 percent each; Franklin and Oldham counties, 6.1 percent each; Madison and Shelby counties, 6.2 percent each; Scott County, 6.3 percent; Jessamine County, 6.4 percent; and Daviess and Warren counties, 6.5 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.9 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 15.8 percent; Leslie County, 14.6 percent; Letcher County, 14 percent; Knott County, 13.8 percent; Bell, Harlan and Wolfe counties 13.5 percent; Jackson County, 12.9 percent; and McCreary and Perry counties, 12.7 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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